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Labour dispute in Handloom Industry in Chirakkal taluk

* 3014 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of the handloom factory owners out of the 123 involved in the labour dispute in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, that have implemented the award given by the Industrial Tribunal, Coimbatore at Cannanore on 11th June 1954 regarding the bonus to which the workers were entitled for the years 1946 to 1948; and

(*b*) the steps taken by the Government to implement the award?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The managements of 105 handloom factories have implemented the award.

(*b*) The Government have ordered the prosecution of the managements of ten handloom factories who have not implemented the award. The workers have been advised through their Union to put in claim petitions under section 20 of the Industrial Disputes (Appellate Tribunal) Act, 1950. The claims received by the Government are being verified by the Labour Officer, Mangalore.

The owners of the remaining eight factories have either settled the issues with the workers or are anxious to settle their claims on the appearance of the workers.

Sri K. P. GOPALAN : May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that even after the intervention of the Labour Officer, some factory owners are refusing to implement the award? If so, will the Government be pleased to take steps to recover the claim amounts under Land Revenue Recovery Act and distribute it to the workers? The claim put by the workers related to the question of grant of bonus to workers for 1946. As this question is pending for a long time, will the Government be pleased to instruct the Collector of Malabar to realize the claim amounts as early as possible and distribute the same to the workers?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may tell the hon. Member that all necessary steps as indicated by me in the answers are being taken. If, however, the hon. Member could refer to any specific case of delay, the Government will look into it.

Shifting of the Pier from Dhanushkodi

* 3015 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government have made any proposal to the Central Government regarding the shifting of the pier from Dhanushkodi; and

(*b*) if so, whether any decision has been taken regarding the location of the pier?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Waylaying on the Beach Road on 8th August 1955

* 3016 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that one Sri Narasimhan, a reporter of the " Hindu " was waylaid by some persons near the University Buildings, Chepauk, Madras, at 7 p.m. on 8th August 1955 and that he received injuries inflicted by them;

(*b*) how many reports of such occurrences in the same place were received by the Government last year; and

(*c*) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such incidents?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) One such case which occurred in front of the Public Works Department Buildings in the Marina last year has been reported.

(*c*) The Police are patrolling the area and it is also proposed to open a Police out-post near the Marina.

Superannuation of workers in the Textile mills

* 3017 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Textile Trade Union representatives of Coimbatore met the Labour Commissioner, Madras, in August 1955 and represented to him the problems arising out of the attitude of the managements regarding superannuation in the textile mills; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken, in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Commissioner of Labour has informed the representatives of the five trade unions that they may have to take up the matter separately as an industrial dispute.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : முதுமை அடைந்த தொழிலாளர்களை வேலையை விட்டு நீக்கும்போது அவர்களுக்கு எந்தவிதமான நோட்டீசும் கொடுக்காமல் திடீரென்று நீக்கிவிடுகிறார்கள். அவர்களை ரிட்ரெஞ்சு செய்யும்போது இண்டஸ்ட்ரியல் டிஸ்பூட்ஸ் ஆக்ட் பிரகாரம் ரிட்ரெஞ்சு செய்யப்படும்போது கொடுக்கப்படும் சௌகர்யங்களை அவர்களுக்குக் கொடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள் ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : தனிக்கேள்வி போட்டால் பதில் சொல்லமுடியும்.